

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – March 17, 2009

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Cyndy Fuller on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Cyndy Fuller, Ilona Haydon, Hank Yonkman, Richard Mack, and Alan Marshall.

ABSENT: Robert Hornkohl.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – Bruce Gockerman, Community Development Director – Jon Rose, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Fire Chief – Sid Scrimger, Police Chief – Dave Bachman, Utilities Supervisor – Ed Cote, and City Engineer – Jeff Mikula.

#09-19 CONSENT AGENDA.

Consent Agenda items include:

- Minutes
 - March 2, 2009 - Regular Meeting
 - March 10, 2009 - Work Session
- Payroll
 - Feb. 23 – Mar. 1, 2009 - \$ 66,111.69
 - Mar. 2 – Mar. 8, 2009 - \$ 54,912.95
 - Mar. 9 – Mar. 15, 2009 - \$ 55,242.27
- Cash Balances Report - February 2009
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – March 31, 2009 and April 14, 2009
A follow-up session on the Council’s Strategic Plan Update previously scheduled for February 24 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall.

A Council work session has also been scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. A discussion will be conducted on the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget; and such business as may come before the Council.

MOTION by Yonkman, second by Kenny to approve the Consent Agenda as stated.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Fuller, Haydon, Yonkman, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: None

#09-20 INTRODUCTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 - 2010 BUDGET.

Staff has prepared the proposed 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget. City Manager Mitch Deisch and Finance Director Ed Bradford gave a brief introduction of their Budget Recommendations to City Council and the Community. Work session discussions are scheduled for April 7 and April 14; as well as a public hearing that is scheduled for April 21, 2009. Additional work sessions could be scheduled as necessary.

Discussion followed on the overall funds, total operating millage, and General Fund budget; proposed refuse millage reduction of one (1) mill; separate individual budgets of the City; 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan; and also discussed 1% administration fee on the tax bills. No Action was required on this item.

#09-21 CONSIDERATION OF BEACH CONCEPTUAL PLANS.

The Beach Conceptual Plans were created by a multi-faceted group consisting of representatives from Council, Staff, Rotary, Lions, Parks Commission, Beautification Commission, Non-Motorized Transportation Committee, Citizens at Large and several area high school students. Plans were first presented to Council at their August 12, 2008 work session. Council requested that the plans be presented to the Parks Commission and the Planning Commission for their endorsement prior to adoption.

Plans were submitted to the Parks Commission and the Beautification Committee on October 29, 2008 and were endorsed by both committees. A presentation was made to the Planning Commission on September 4, 2008 and again on December 4, 2008 and January 22, 2009. At that time Planning Commissioners made a few comments and suggestions that were discussed with the Beach Group on Monday, February 23, 2009. Minor changes to the plans were agreed upon and incorporated. Jeff Mikula of Abonmarche has prepared a PowerPoint presentation on the current plans.

MOTION by Mack, second by Kenny to adopt the Beach Conceptual Plans as presented. Questions were asked regarding the operating cost for the long range plan - estimates need to be prepared; discussed how this is not a site plan, rather a vision/conceptual plan, it provides direction on working on the beaches.

With a roll call vote this motion passed, 5-1.

AYES: Fuller, Haydon, Yonkman, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: Kenny

#09-22 CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT WITH MATRIX CONSULTING GROUP TO PERFORM A CITY-WIDE OPERATIONAL SERVICE AUDIT.

The Operational Service Audit Committee (OSAC) has completed its consultant selection process. Matrix Consulting Group was chosen as the most qualified firm to perform the study. Staff has negotiated a scope of work, appropriate fee and timeline with Matrix. The study could start as early as April.

It has been requested that the OSAC review the contract before proceeding. MOTION by Mack, second by Haydon to postpone this item until April 7, 2009 Council meeting.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Fuller, Haydon, Yonkman, Mack, Marshall
NAYS: None

#09-23 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Non-Motorized Transportation Committee, the Planning Commission and the Tree Commission. The following applications have been received:

NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. Three vacancies - three year terms ending 03/2012, Mayoral appointment.

- *Dave Yarnell, 603 Pine Street
- *Christa Johnson, 739 Canfield Lake Road
- Melissa Ketz, 1660 Pine Creek Road
- *Jeff Mikula, 2414 Siuda Road (*received late*)

PLANNING COMMISSION. One vacancy - unexpired term ending 10/31/2010, Mayoral appointment.

Nathaniel Neider, 111 Pine Street

TREE COMMISSION. One vacancy - term ending 12/31/2010, Mayoral appointment.
None received.

*Incumbent

Mayor Fuller appointed Dave Yarnell, Christa Johnson, and Jeff Mikula to the Non-Motorized Transportation Committee for three year terms ending 03/2012. MOTION by Mack, second by Haydon to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed, 5-1.

AYES: Kenny, Fuller, Haydon, Yonkman, Mack
NAYS: Marshall

Mayor Fuller appointed Nathaniel Neider to the Planning Commission for a term ending 10/31/2010. MOTION by Mack, second by Haydon to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Fuller, Haydon, Yonkman, Mack, Marshall
NAYS: None

#09-24 A REPORT FROM THE ENGINEER OF RECORD.

Mr. Jeff Mikula reported on the activities of the Engineer of Record and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Ray Fortier talked for elderly people who have limited funds, limited income, difficult to deal with increased costs; concerned with cutting refuse service; and stated that the City has too many parks.

Nathaniel Neider thanked Council for appointing him to the Planning Commission.

Richard Schrock congratulated Council on the change to garbage – will lower taxes; appreciates the long range planning.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

None.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Haydon thanked Ray Fortier for his comments and support of the City.

Mack commented on the potholes on Twelfth Street – they need to be addressed. He is concerned about student safety.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Mack, second by Haydon. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mitch Deisch
City Manager